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RHEE ACCEPTS ARMISTICE SUBJECT TO US SENATE
APPROVAL OF DEFENSE PACT

According to Assistant Secretary Robertson, President Rhee now indicates that he would support an armistice on the terms of the 3 July aide-memoire immediately on Senate ratification of a mutual defense pact. Rhee urges that such a pact be rushed through the Senate at this session.

Comment: The United States agreed in the 3 July aide-memoire, to (1) begin immediate negotiations on a "Philippine-type" mutual defense pact, (2) build up the South Korean army approximately to the level of 20 divisions, (3) undertake an integrated economic and logistical aid program subject to Congressional approval, (4) hold high-level bilateral political discussions after a truce "at some intermediate point" to confer on common objectives at the postarmistice political conference, and (5) withdraw and consult with the South Korean government if after 90 days the postarmistice political conference is being exploited by the Communists for propaganda or infiltration purposes.

The South Korean government agreed to cooperate with the UN Command regarding disposition of the remaining POW's, support the armistice which the UNC is empowered to conclude, and retain South Korean forces in the UNC until it is mutually agreed that the arrangement is no longer necessary.

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